

Leapin' Lizards It's "Annie"! Godwin Directs 5th Collaboration of ACT/GCC

By J. Williams

"Annie," winner of 7 Tony Awards including best musical of 1977, 1978 Grammy Award for best show cast album, and several other prestigious awards, will be the spring musical presented jointly by Arena Civic Theatre and Greenfield Community College at Deerfield Academy in Old Deerfield, March 14, 15, 16 and March 20, 21, 22, 1986.

"Annie" will be directed by H. James Godwin, associate professor of speech and theatre at GCC. The musical is the fifth in a series of collaborations between the college and ACT. All of these productions have been directed by Godwin and presented at Deerfield, beginning with "Fiddler on the Roof" in 1982 and including last year's "Oklahoma."

Godwin, who has been at GCC since 1977 and this fall directed a highly acclaimed production of "See How They Run," has an extensive background in acting as well as directing.

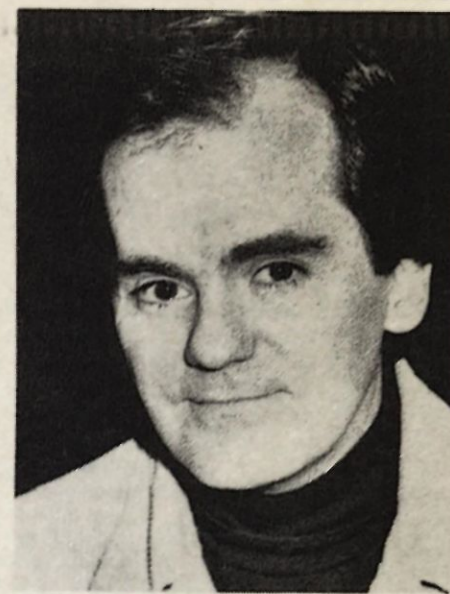
Included among Godwin's many roles have been Hornbeck in "Inherit the Wind," H.C. Curry in "The Rainmaker," Brock in "Born Yesterday," and J.D. Sheldrake in "Promises Promises," a show which he also directed. He also appeared as guest artist at Kings College Summer Theatre Festival, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania — the college from which he earned his undergraduate degree — starring as Mel Edison in "Prisoner of Second Avenue."

His directing credits include "Promises Promises," "South Pacific," "Equus," "Antigone," "Fools," "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Importance of Being Ernest" and many more.

The director graduated from Kings College, Wilkes Barre, Pa. with a B.A. in English, and he received his master of speech and drama from Penn State as well as further degree work at Temple University. His teaching ranges from graduate assistant instructor of speech at Penn State, director of debate at Rutgers University and coach for Rutgers College Bowl Team on the CBS TV show "College Bowl."

His other theatrical achievements are varied. He was a member of the ACT Board of Directors and is a writer, producer, performer for radio commercials, director of community theatre, advisor to summer theatres, and an actor in professional summer stock.

"Annie" is a good choice for a collaborative effort," Godwin said, "because it has many roles calling for a variety of acting and other performing skills." He also considers the collaboration between GCC and community theatre an excellent opportunity for building ties between the college and its service area.



H. James Goodwin, Director of GCC/ACT production of "Annie"

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Senate Elections Need Your Vote

By J. McNamara

On March 4th and 5th, an event will take place that will affect virtually every student that attends school at GCC. Elections for the College's Student Senate and Student Trustee will be administered in front of the Cafeteria. This occurrence traditionally stirs a minimal amount of concern and sense of duty on the part of the students. Yet, one must realize that the Senate is a vital aspect of concern for the student's and the college's well being.

The basic responsibility of the Student Senate is to deal with issues of concern that affect GCC students. Another little known fact is that the Senate is also responsible for budgeting the Student Activities Account that each student contributes to at the beginning of the semester. With

four vacant seats, and the position of the President open, there are important positions that cannot remain vacant. When there is no interest in filling the seats of the Senate, then the responsibilities are assumed by the school's administration. According to Merryl Sackin, Director of Student Activities, the turnout of candidates for the Senate is the lowest ever.

The Student Trustee assumes responsibilities similar to the Senate as they represent the student's interests. Yet, the Student Trustee sits on the school's Board of Trustees' monthly meeting. This person is a voting member that brings to the Trustees the student's voice.

If one is interested in becoming involved

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WMECO'S Rate Hike Challenged

By M. Sundell

"We as consumers will not pay for non-economic power. Rep. Carmen Buell's words echoed public response to the Western Mass. Electric Co.'s (WMECO) proposed 11½% rate increase at the Dept. of Public Utilities (DPU) sponsored hearing Tues., Feb. 4, at the Greenfield High School.

WMECO's attorney announced the utility's proposed \$29.4 million increase — \$23 million to pay for WMECO's share in the Millstone III nuclear power plant in Waterford, Conn. The remaining \$6.4 million will cover increases in the traditional cost of business.

Opponents of the rate increase say power from the Millstone III is not needed to meet consumer demand in our area. Rep. Buell said that WMECO projected a 607% increase in demand but the actual increase was only 1-2%. In contrast, Conn. Light and Power (CLP), also a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities, saw 50 times the increase we had in Western Mass. between 1973 and 1984. This is according to a MassPIRG report.

Former Rep. Bill Benson said that to justify the need for Millstone III, WMECO plans to retire 11 oil or coal fired plants. These plants are paid for, make cheaper power and the price of oil is falling.

Millstone III is scheduled to go on line in 1986 and has cost \$3.8 billion. This cost is 10 times its original \$400 million estimate. Many speakers at the hearing said it is unfair for the consumers to foot the entire bill for the plant through rate increases. NU's stockholders are projected to receive a 16% return on their investment. "As a local businessman," said Bill Benson, "I miscalculate ... I lose money. But NU's empire does not feel it should play by the rules."

The chief of the Attorney General's Utilities Division, Donna Sorghi, said WMECO wants to raise the residential base rate from \$5.77 to \$12. To reach the 11½% figure, she says they plan to offset this increase in fuel cost savings. But she warned that we cannot be certain how much these savings will actually be.

Rep. Buell said a rate structure that covers the increase through the base rate,

takes away any incentive to conserve. It sets up a situation in which those who use the least amount of electricity will face the highest percentage increase. This is true she said whether you are talking about the residential, commercial, or industrial sectors.

Lauren Commons of GCC's MassPIRG presented a petition against the rate hike. It had more than 250 signatures from members of the campus community and was met with a round of applause.

Three WMECO employees spoke in favor of the rate increase. Albert J. Brule of Greenfield said WMECO and NU and their employees are dedicated to supplying customers in our community with electricity. He said they need the money to build and maintain plants to meet today and tomorrow's needs.

After the meeting I spoke with Charles Carter, president of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. He spoke in favor of the rate increase and said he had not spoken at the meeting because he felt it was useless.

Carter said that WMECO had a responsibility to plan ahead and that the plants currently in operation produced excess capacity when they were first built but are now needed.

Carter also said that the stockholders are primarily small investors and that no one would invest if they did not receive a profit. According to Carter, WMECO was forbidden from charging customers for the plant until it went on line, and now the time has come for them to pay.

Finally he said the increase would be divided between WMECO and CLP proportional to use. Charles Carter is also Dean of Administration at GCC.

In an interview before the WMECO hearing, DPU Chairman Paul Levy explained that this is a very important case. He also announced a new plan to establish standards for future regulation of utility owned generating plants and a plan to encourage small, private electric power facilities.

"The major issue in this case is the Millstone III ... We have to determine what portion of the cost of the plant was prudently

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Math Lab Offers New Hope

By F. Woodard

Beginning this semester GCC has a new resource to help students master one of the most dreaded subjects in academia. A new Math Lab has been in the works in the Natural Sciences Division since last semester, and this semester N406 has been temporarily converted to establish the Math Lab and help some GCC students learn math concepts and problem solving skills.

There has been much excitement among the math faculty since last semester when GCC was awarded a Vocational Education Grant from the state to establish the Math Lab. GCC faculty and administrators began meeting and discussing the Math Lab concept and how best to use the Lab to serve the needs of the GCC community. Lynn Benander, a math and computer science instructor has been appointed to direct the program.

This semester the Math Lab will focus on helping Math 100 students and math students referred by their instructors. Future plans are for the Lab to move to a location accessible through the Learning

Center and the Natural Sciences Department. At that time Ms. Benander hopes the Math Lab can become a resource for all GCC students in all levels of math.

The Math Lab currently consists of computers and computer software, manipulative learning aids, books emphasizing realistic applications of the subject and student tutors working in the Lab. These resources will offer students a non-traditional approach to learning with a wide variety of learning techniques and an emphasis on "Paired Problem Solving."

According to Ms. Benander, "As we begin this semester the Math Lab will be offering Math 100 students an opportunity to explore a wide variety of math learning materials. We will be focusing on developing both problem solving and arithmetic skills. With the help of tutors from the Learning Center, students will use math software and concrete learning materials which reinforce concepts introduced in their classes."

"A method developed by the Cognitive Processing Research Group in the UMass Physics Department to strengthen problem solving skills called 'Paired Problem Solving' will also play an important role in each student's Math Lab work."

"We are excited about being able to offer this valuable resource to GCC students and look forward to being able to offer our services to all math students in the future."



GCC tutor Frank Woodard and Anne Burnham in the Math Lab.

PV Resource Center Provides Info on Local Subjects

When Ashfield resident Ken Chaffee discovered his great-great-grandfather's name in a set of old history books, he found that the man lived in a place called "Turnip Yard" in Deerfield. Intrigued, Chaffee turned to Carol Letson, the librarian at the Pioneer Valley Resource Center at GCC to find out where Turnip Yard was.

Letson looked up The History of Deerfield, Vol. I by George Sheldon, and found that Turnip Yard is the same section of town now known as Hillside, the location of the Hillside Nursing Home.

Chaffee's request for information was one of dozens of inquiries handled each month by the Resource Center. Founded in 1982 under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, the center acts as a support for student, faculty and public research on the valley.

The center has over 2,400 books and 346 other items related to local history, genealogy and census information, including old town reports, agricultural reports, slide-tape presentations, maps, and copies of The Recorder and the Daily Hampshire Gazette dating back to the 19th century.

"We try to have local publications from Hartford to Brattleboro, including Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden counties," Letson said. "We have novels and books by local writers current and past, and these can be circulated."

The center is a resource for anyone who is interested in the social, economic, cultural or environmental aspects of the valley.

Because of the center's relationship to the Pioneer Valley Studies Program at the college, Letson also receives papers, slide-tape presentations and other projects conducted by students and faculty in the program.

While there is much material available on the 19th century in the valley, Letson said the center needs more material on different aspects of 20th century history.

"There's still a lot of research to be done on the social and political history of the valley following the year 1900," Letson said. "We'd like more on the Depression era in the valley, and the impact of the Vietnam war, anything between those years."

The center is open Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday 12 to 4 p.m.



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Intern Program Available

By S. Thouin

The Yankee Intern program, a joint partnership of Yankee promote preservation. As Yankee Interns, students in such fields as architecture, historic preservation, planning, history, law, and business gain direct experience working with preservation organizations and public agencies throughout New England and in selected communities in New York.

Approximately 40 interns work directly with non-profit organizations and public agencies in New England and other selected communities for 12 weeks on a full-time basis. Projects selected are worthy of academic credit and the intern stipend is 2,500. Students live and work in the communities in which the projects take place, and sponsors are asked to help interns find appropriate housing during the project.

To date, student interns have worked on wide variety of projects ranging from archeological digs to Main Street revitalization. The program is intended to support specific projects or phases of projects with a clear end product, rather than ongoing staff positions.

Any non-profit organization or public agency in New England may sponsor a project. Sponsors in New York state will be selected on an individual basis. Organizations must become members of the National Trust once organization's project has been selected.

Selection of projects by the steering committee will be based on the following

criteria:

- Clarity of project strategy and goals that fit either the full-time 12-week period or the part-time 9-month period
- The project's contribution to the long-range goals of the sponsoring organization
- Consistency with and impact of state and regional preservation goals
- The sponsor's financial responsibility
- The sponsor's ability to provide close supervision
- The project's value as an educational experience

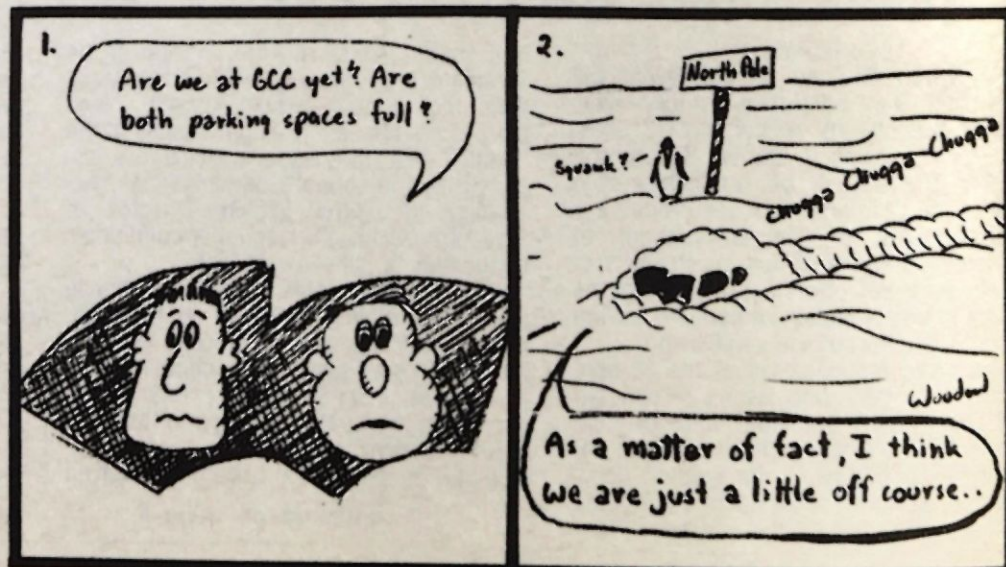
To become an intern you need to be a college student with an interest in historic and environmental preservation, you qualify if you meet the following basic requirements.

- Enrollment in an accredited New England or New York college, or
- Legal residence in one of the six New England states or New York state and enrolled in any college or university

College undergraduates are preferred, but opportunities are open to graduate students.

Work experience, field of concentration, academic record, and demonstrated interest in historic preservation weigh heavily in the screening of applicants. Students may choose to work full-time as an intern during the summer months, or as a part-time intern during the school year while taking full course load at school.

Applications are available from Dr. Helen Ellis' office at GCC in room S322.



TRANSFER HOPEFULS SHOULD PLAN AHEAD

UMass AP's Must Go Through Rob 1st

Prism News Staff

Rob Yucubian, GCC Transfer Coordinator, recommends that students not wait to the last minute to get information about schools. "Planning ahead is your best bet to get into the school of your choice," he said. "Don't wait until the last semester of your sophomore year!"

To encourage students to "go shopping," Rob stocks a wide variety of bulletins from colleges and universities from throughout New England. If he doesn't have information on the school you are interested in, he is more than willing to call the school directly and have the information sent out. Although most of his work is in helping students get into local colleges and universities, Rob will work with a student in getting information and applications from out of the New England area.

Students wishing to transfer to UMass Amherst just have their transfer packages into Rob prior to April 1st. UMass does not want the applications sent to them directly. Rob hand-carries them to the admissions department.

The following are some of the application deadlines for colleges most often transferred to by GCC students: Amherst, Williams, Mt. Holyoke; March 1st; Fitchburg, Framingham, North Adams, Mass. College of Art, UMass/Amherst, Westfield; April 1st; Bentley; April 10th; Emerson, SMU, U. Lowell; May 1st; BU, Keene State, Worcester State; July 1st; No closing date for AIC, Elms, School of Museum of Fine Arts, WNEC.

New Booklet Helps People Manage Income

The Franklin Community Action Corporation Housing Services Program announces the publication of The Action Budget: A Guide For Folks Of Low-Moderate Income. This booklet is one of a series of publications intended to provide information to homeowners and tenants.

The purpose of the booklet is to enable folks of low-moderate income to manage and improve their financial circumstances, through information, direction and motivation. The booklet is intended as a reference manual and includes a practical worksheet to develop a budget. Topics covered include financial facts, tracking living expenses, dealing with outstanding debts and creditors and information concerning credit cards and checking accounts.

The booklet is produced as part of the activities of the Housing Services Program, jointly operated by Franklin Community Action Corporation and Franklin County Regional Housing Authority and funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development. The Housing Services Program provides technical assistance to tenants, homeowners and landlords, and mediation services for the resolution of housing disputes.

Copies of The Action Budget: A Guide For Folks Of Low-Moderate Income are free of charge and can be obtained at FCAC/Social Service Help, 39 Federal Street, Greenfield.

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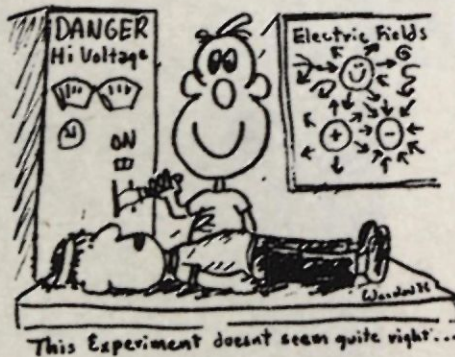
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Framingham State College Announces Christa McAuliffe Scholarship

Framingham State College announces the establishment of a S. Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Scholarship and Excellence Fund as a special tribute to Christa who was a 1970 graduate. For people wishing to make a donation, checks can be made out to the FSC Foundation, S. Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Scholarship and Excellence Fund, and mailed to the FSC Foundation, S. Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Scholarship and Excellence Fund, Framingham State College, Framingham, MA. 01701.



FINANCIAL AID CORNER

MARCH 1ST DEADLINE FOR MFAF

By M. Allyn

Students who are Mass. residents are urged to submit their MFAF (Mass. Financial Aid Form) by the March 1st deadline. By having your MFAF in by that date you stand a better chance of receiving all the aid money that you are eligible for.

If you do not file by that deadline you should file as soon as possible. If the state has monies left over they will distribute more aid at a later date.

If you have any questions, contact the Financial Aid Office.

2 JFK SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

The Mass. Demo State Committee announced its third annual JFK Scholars Award Program. The \$1,500 grants will be awarded to one male and one female Mass. resident who will enter their third or fourth year of higher education in '86. Preference is given to Democrats who qualify for financial aid and have demonstrated a serious commitment to American politics. The deadline is April 1st. Contact the Demo State Committee, 11 Beacon St., Suite 426, Boston, 02108.

FED AID TO BE CUT

More than 68,000 students from middle income families will be denied federal scholarships next fall. Bulletins from the U.S. Dept. of Education state that the Department is cutting \$170.9 million from its programs as its share of the nearly \$12 million in savings required by the new deficit-reduction law.

Pell Grants will fund 2,691,000 students for the 86-87 academic year. The income cut off for a student from a typical family of 4 will drop from \$25,000 in adjusted gross income to \$24,000.

BITING OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW

According to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, students need a better understanding of the consequences of borrowing to pay for their education. NASFAA says that students should be warned that:

- Past borrowers have found it difficult to cope with loan repayments approaching 10% of their gross income.
- Past borrowers have had to make difficult choices about careers, marriage, and house buying to manage the repayments.

- Women face greater problems repaying their debts because their salaries are below average. The NASFAA survey uncovered a mean income of \$17,407 for women and \$23,093 for men.

The NASFAA also reported that contrary to popular belief, community college students are as dependent on financial aid as their counterparts at 4 year schools. About 30% of the CC students say they would be forced to drop out of school if they didn't have financial aid.

Campus Elections

WELCOME ...

To The Inner Sanctum

From the bowels of Prismdom there has issued forth a new addition. Beginning with this issue there will be an arts page, for all of us budding artistic types to strut our creative stuffs. The idea has been born; now it's up to you to nurture it! Send in your creative attempts, fine arts, etc., nothing 3-D of course, including poetry, short stories, photos, graphics, drawings, or upcoming artistic events, such as your band playing, or a buddy in a debut acting role. Drop off your copy at N336, c/o Inner Sanctum Arts.



GRAPHICS

We Sing the Body Electra

Tired, worn down, Earth revolves.
Premature wrinkles mar her once lovely face.

Gaseous airs cloud her knitted brows.

With vice-like hands her children
have dug into her flesh,
as hungry cannibals ripping out entrails,
organs, her very lifeblood.

Sucking, biting, clawing, raping hands,
Electra had nothing to comparison.

Look onto her visage.

Her face has been torn, disfigured by
mad hatchetbearers
calling themselves surgeons.

Tools of metal, of steel, have gorged
upon her skin,
leaving thickened scars.

Her veins stripped off precious molec-
ules,

are now filled with substances toxic.

Her dense forest thickets have been
barbered.

Systems are clogged with cattarh and
smog.

signs of our times

Her final days should be many years
before her.

But the very children who long ago
sprang from her loins have played too
rough.

Death's cancerous smell is in the air.

The nurturing mother is decaying,
aging,
becoming her progeny's deathtrap as
well as their bearer.

— L.K. Wheeler

Things Are Not Always What They Seem

Can you guess this riddle?

Swings by his thigh a thing most mag-
ical!

Below the belt, beneath the folds
of his clothes it hangs, a hole in
its front end, stiff-set and stout,
but swivels about.

Levelling the head of this
hanging instrument, its wielder
hoists his hem above his
knee; it is his will to fill
a well-known hole, that it fits
fully when at full length.

He has often filled it before.
Now he fills it again.

Before you make any rash decisions,
two hints; it was written around 600-700
A.D., by a fine, upstanding monk. Have you
an answer? Drop your response off at
N336. The correct answer, as well as
some not so correct, will be published next
issue, same bat-time, same bat-place!

"Where is Greenfield?"

Roger Boudreau

Really Rock'n

If you find rocks in my pock-
ets,
Rocks on the seat of my
car,
Rocks on my bedside
table —

Rocks in the cookie jar!
Pieces of ledge on the
loveseat,
Crumbles of shist by the
stair,

Staurolite used as a
bookmark,
Quartz crystals caught in
my hair:

A hammer under my
pillow —
A boulder blocking the
door,

(Can't close the drawer
to the bureau,
No room in there any-
more!)

Don't think that I've gone
'Bananas,'
I'm still the sane old me ...
The explanation is
simple,

— Geology 103.

R. Burns

POETRY

Untitled

We have so little faith
in the ebb and flow of
life,

of love, or relationships,
We leap at the flow of the
tide

and resist in terror its
ebb.

We are afraid it will never
return.

We insist on permanency,
on duration,
on continuity;

When the only continuity
possible in life as in love,
is in growth, in fluidity —
in freedom,

In the sense that the dancers
are free...

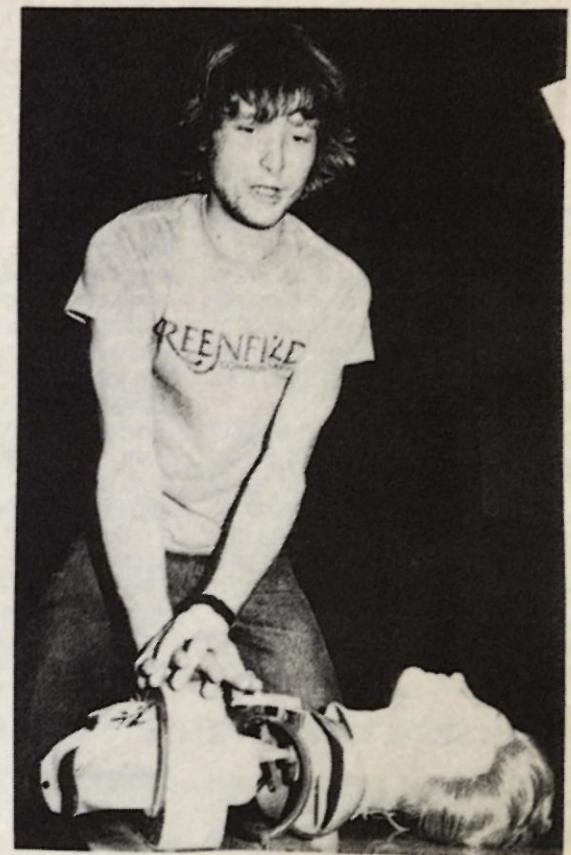
— Author Unknown

PHOTOS



"Future Boy Scout"

ROGER BOUDREAU



GCC RECREATION PROGRAM

BY S. ALTSHULER

What is recreation? Is recreation kickball and hopscotch on a playground? Recreation is no longer just kid's games. With increased free time, the public is demanding well-trained professionals in the field of recreation. The Recreation and Leisure Service Department at GCC strives to prepare students to enter the field with a sound professional philosophy, as well as technical skills to meet a variety of needs for today's active society.

The Recreation and Leisure Service Department is under the supervision of Jeanne Ashley. The program is divided into the following major areas: Community Recreation, Elder Services, Fitness and Outdoor Recreation. In each area, students have the opportunity to encounter hands-on experiences both in the classroom, and with in the community. Some high-

lights of courses offered include: Environmental Recreation, Beginning and Advanced Aerobics, Recreational Dance, Advanced First Aide and CPR, Flatwater Canoeing Instructing and Advanced Life Saving.

The Environmental Recreation Course provides students with an introduction to a variety of outing sports. Some highlights of the semester include a family camping trip to Cape Cod, cross country skiing, high and low ropes course experiences and a wilderness style camping trip. Students in the course will also have the opportunity to participate in the North East Regional Association for Experiential Educators Conference which will be held at GCC, April 12, 1986.

The Recreational Dance class offers students the opportunity to learn a variety of dances. The semester started off with two weeks of New England style Contra dancing with a live fid-



dler! There is also a progressive Aerobics program.

The department also sponsors Red Cross certification in advanced first aid, flatwater canoeing, and lifesaving. All of these courses are open to all

GCC students. So when you see people sliding down hills behind the college, screaming, laughing or engaging in a variety of general hysterical behaviors-- it's just the recreation department!

News from the Health Service and Wellness Center

By N. Buchanan

Do you know what you are most apt to die from if you are 35? 50? 18? Do you know that you can be 30 years old by the calendar but 35 or 40 medically? A computerized lifestyle assessment can tell you how you are doing and give you some tips on lowering your health risks. The computer is located in the Wellness Center in the Health Service. You don't have to know how to use a computer to do an assessment ... drop in any time and a nurse or work study student will help you get started. We also have some health risk games and a nutrition program.

Did you know that you can take your own blood pressure in the Wellness Center in the Health Service? Self-recording of blood pressure has the advantage of allowing you to record several readings at a variety of times without the anxiety of visiting a doctor's office. Some people have "white coat hypertension," that is their blood pressure is elevated only when they are in a doctor's office.

Do you have a friend or family member who has an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia nervosa? The Wellness Center has a good selection of books and articles about this topic. In addition, we subscribe to the ANAS newsletter. The Anorexia Nervosa Aid Society of Massachusetts, Inc. is located in Lincoln, Massachusetts and has a telephone number for people to call if they have questions about anorexia or bulimia.

Are you or your friends or children chewing tobacco? The popularity of chewing tobacco is on the rise and the problems associated with it are on the rise as well. So-called smokeless tobacco is associated with serious gum and tooth problems as well as with oral cancer and, possibly cardiovascular disease.

Do you get confused about the many diets and diet books on the market? The Wellness Center has books and pamphlets about nutrition. Rating the Diets, by Theodore Berland and the editors of Consumer Guide, rates diets that work and those that

don't. We also have information about the association between the typical American diet and the development of many types of cancer. It appears that the rules for preventing cancer are many of the same ones that help prevent heart disease. Diet and cancer is a great topic for a paper. Come in and we'll share our resources.

And a word about the lowly tea bag. We were having a high class medical discussion the other day and came up with the following uses for tea bags in the self-care medical arsenal. You can use a warm tea bag as a compress on eyelids for a minor infection such as a sty or a chalazion. Use cool, moist tea bags on cold sores. After a tooth has been pulled you can use cool, damp tea bag to help stop bleeding. Put it in place and apply gentle pressure. Cold tea is soothing for sunburn. We're talking about regular black teas here, not herbal teas. Tannic acid is the active ingredient that does the trick. It's soothing and drying.

Nurses Collaborative To Discuss AIDS

Public health officials and nurses will discuss the physical and psychological aspects and public policy issues of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) during a one-session workshop entitled "Managing AIDS: Professional and Public Concerns," Wednesday, March 5 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at GCC. The program will be presented by the Nurses Educational Collaborative at the college.

The program is designed for dentists, hospice workers, undertakers, social workers, public safety and school officials, as well as doctors and nurses.

The program will begin with an overview of AIDS and ARC (AIDS Related Complex). Anne Marie Silvia of the AIDS Action Committee in Boston will discuss the symptoms and diagnosis of AIDS as well as preventative measures. She will define risk groups, and discuss current research findings and common fallacies about the disease.

Other speakers include:

Linette Liebling of Beth Israel Hospital in

Boston, who will address the need for education and counseling patients and their families.

Shirley Bradley, R.N., infection control coordinator at Baystate Medical Center, who will offer guidelines and strategies to protect health care providers, patients and the public.

Robert Woolrich, assistant executive administrator of Western Massachusetts Hospital, who will discuss ethical issues and policy formulations for health care and public industries.

Barbara Tuthill, R.N., M.P.H. who will review the clinical management of disease processes associated with AIDS during various phases of the illness. This presentation will be directed primarily toward health care professionals.

The workshop will be eligible for continuing education credits for nurses. The cost is \$45. For more information, or for a registration flyer, contact DCE at 774-3131.

MassPIRG Works With GCC

By M. Sundell

The Mass. Public Interest group (MassPIRG) and its counterparts in 19 other states, work to protect public, consumer, and environmental interests and help students become active citizens. PIRG carries out these goals by educating the public and developing and supporting related legislation. Although MassPIRG is primarily a student group, they also have a staff of professional researchers and lobbyists.

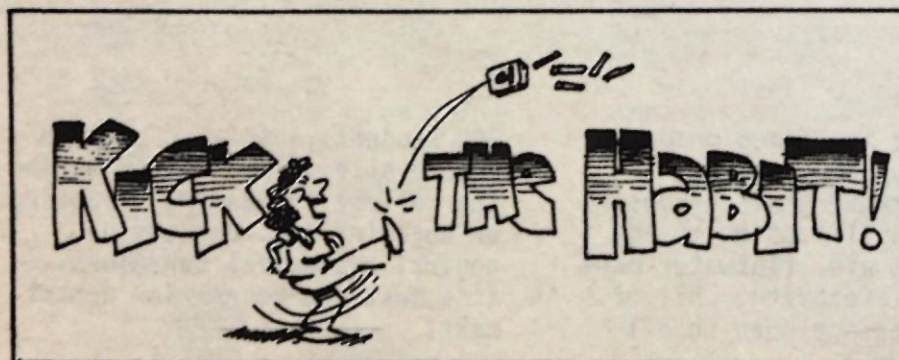
The GCC chapter of MassPIRG will be working on several projects this semester. The State House Watch is designed to help students affect policy formation and implementation. It is currently working to form a Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and ensure that hazardous wastes in the state are cleaned up.

The GCC chapter is also fighting hunger

both locally and internationally. MassPIRG members work in survival center soup kitchens, conduct food drives, and help transport food to the needy. In mid-March they will conduct a "Stamp Out Hunger" Day in support of the Hands Across America Project. Hands Across America, sponsored by USA for Africa, will be a human chain of millions, from New York to L.A. It will take place May 25.

Anyone interested in a local public interest issue can come to MassPIRG for advice and support; faculty and staff included. Internships with MassPIRG are a good way to get practical experience and get college credit at the same time. Subjects for internships include: Media relations; leadership development; and work with local hunger.

MassPIRG holds meetings on Wednesdays from 12 to 1. The location varies and is posted weekly on the student activities board. For more information about MassPIRG call Joseph at 624-3954.



Graphology and You

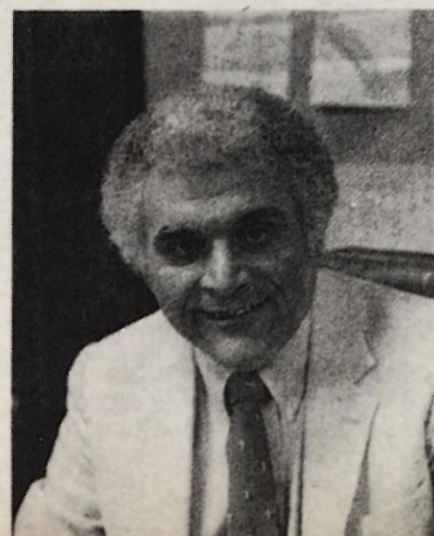
By M. Ott

The study of handwriting analysis has come to GCC to be taught by Vivian Fuller who has been practicing the art for many years. I hope it has come to stay for I can think of no more beneficial aid to anyone than to understand one's own foibles as well as to learn what makes others tick.

Handwriting analysis, or graphology, won't tell you what a person is thinking but it will tell you how and why he thinks as he does. You can discover your capacity for learning and the areas of employment or career in which your talents would best be utilized; what characteristics may hinder or help you achieve your goals; how you deal with your fears and frustrations; how well you will cope in an emergency; whether you are an introvert or of an outgoing nature; integrity, decisiveness, plus dozens of characteristics too numerous to mention can all be revealed through handwriting analysis. Detecting forgery and other legal matters are yet other facets of this interesting science.

Even more important, perhaps, you can learn to understand your friends and co-workers through graphology, and why they behave as they do. Analyze the writing of our politicians, union officials and others who affect our destiny to discover how sincere or capable they are or if they are simply serving their own purposes. Jimmy Carter, whom no one could say was anything but a fine upstanding man, had very strong determination and became president. Possibly the one thing that cost him his reelection, however, was another very strong characteristic: procrastination. Both of these traits showed strongly in just his signature, the heart and soul of any person.

I strongly urge everyone to take this introductory graphology course which starts April 22 from 7-9 p.m. It could become one of your most valuable tools — for life!



Dr. Provos Column

As you return to College for the spring semester, the days are getting longer and from time to time there is a hint of spring in the air. It is a time of rededication in many ways: for yourself as you set goals for your study; for the faculty and staff as they plan with you to achieve success; for the College as it seeks to provide a full program.

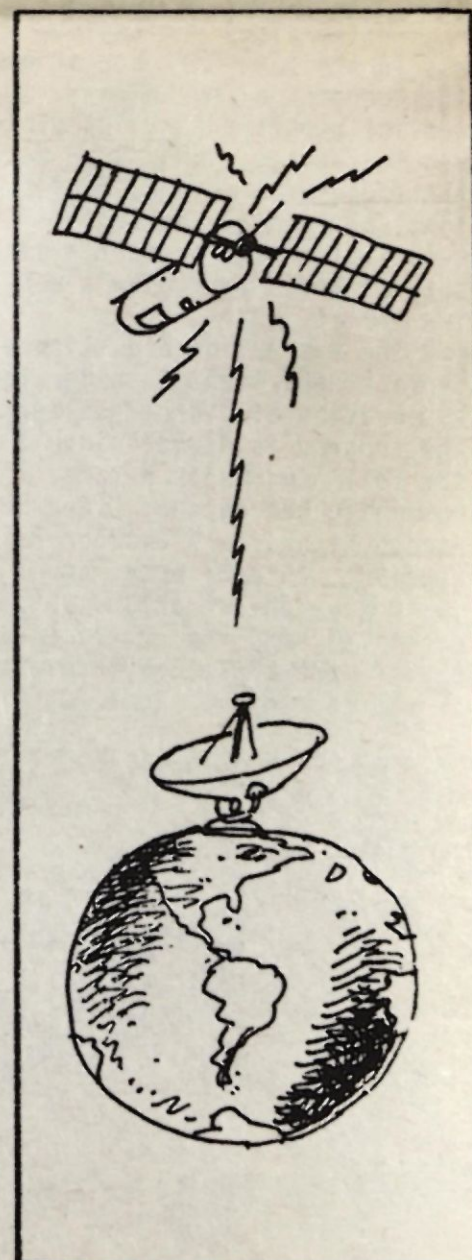
There will be times as you begin this semester when it will be necessary to gather your strength and generate your energy, for some days the end of the semester will seem far away, when you wonder what the results of all this hard work will produce and when the cold morning will entice you to stay in bed. Look forward, however, to the rewards that will be yours as you complete your work and move on to new and challenging activities.

College is a microcosm of life. There will be obstacles to your success that will require a little extra to overcome. Sometimes the end will seem a long way off but when the goal has been achieved and the rewards are handed out, you will find it was all worth it.

I am often reminded of the long distance runner who first must train and get in shape. The beginning of the race and the anticipation of new challenges is exciting, and the runner is enthusiastic and anxious to begin. Many runners find that enthusiasm languishing in the middle of the race, but those who make the extra effort find new energy at the end when they know they are about to achieve.

Some students are, of course, just beginning their college career, and I say to you as I have said to those who have preceded you. The College and its faculty and staff are here to serve you. We will do everything that we can to assure you reach your goals, but in the long run it is your strength that is important.

Dr. Provo



Utility Rates and Consumer Interests

By M. Sundell

Why and how are utilities regulated?

How well are consumer interests represented in utility regulation?

What is the proposed Citizens Utility Board?

The Western Mass. Electric Co. holds a virtual monopoly on electricity in our area. As former Rep. Bill Benson put it Feb. 4, "We ratepayers cannot simply shun their high prices and seek a more reasonable electric company."

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) regulates not only electricity but a wide range of public services from telephones to railroads. Utilities must come before the DPU to get permission to change their rates.

The DPU starts its investigations by holding public hearings to hear comments from customers and state and local officials. They also hold hearings in Boston to hear evidence from the utility and other legal intervenors.

At the hearings to review WMECO's request, three other utilities will testify on WMECO's behalf. The State Attorney General's Office and organizations and individuals including Rep. Buell, Bill Benson, and the Western Mass. Coalition of Governments and institution will testify against the proposed rate increase. Because this is a very important case consumer interest will be well represented but this is not always true. On the average, utilities out spend defenders of the public interest five to one, reports MassPIRG.

Although the Attorney General's Office

always represents the consumer's interest at hearings, customers pay heavily for utilities. WMECO's customers pay the sixth highest electricity rates in the country. Heating bills have increased an average of 40% since 1980.

To increase citizens representation, MassPIRG and others have worked to put a binding referendum on the November state ballot. This referendum would create a Citizens Utility Board (CUB). The purpose of the CUB would be to represent and protect the interests of residential utility consumers at DPU hearings, in court cases, and by lobbying for legislation.

CUB would raise funds through voluntary member contributions. Utility consumers would receive an invitation to join CUB in or on their utility bills.

A CUB in Wisconsin has intervened in over 43 utility rate cases and helped reduce \$285 million of the proposed rate increases over a three year period.

Lauren Commons of GCC's MassPIRG chapter explained that to get a referendum on the ballot, the sponsoring organization must collect signatures from a certain percentage of the registered voters. In CUB's case this meant 61,508 signatures. The signatures must then be verified by each town's clerk, prior to delivery at the Secretary of State's office. In addition, they must collect another 10,000 signatures this summer.

Our right to collect signatures on public property, for an initiative seeking access to the ballot is protected by the U.S. Constitution, Commons explained. The initiative process is considered to be a fundamental form of expression and is rigorously protected by the courts, he said.



Girl Scouts Share with Int'l Students

By C. Letson

An international theme has been chosen for the second annual Girl Scout dinner this month. The dinner will be held at the St. James Hall on Friday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Each troop will present a program on a country they have chosen; such as, Mexico, France and Japan. Desserts prepared by the Scouts from recipes of their chosen country will be sold to raise contributions for the Juliette Low Friendship Fund. This Fund helps Girl Scouts visit places around the world, and in this way international understanding is encouraged and fostered through this Girl Scout organization. The Greenfield Community College International Students' Association has been invited to share in the potluck dinner as guests of Association 14.

Troops in the Greenfield and Turners Falls area are recruiting new members at

these age levels: Brownies, 1st to 3rd grades, and Juniors, 4th to 6th grades. Girl Scouting is active in Greenfield and there are Junior troops meeting on Monday and Tuesday evenings which would welcome new members. Please contact Neighborhood Chairperson Shari Kanehl, at 774-7740, for more information. Girl Scouting is an organization that can use the talents of any volunteer, whether a parent or not. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our local troops, please call the above number.

Girl Scout cookies are being sold in the area until Feb. 23rd, for delivery April 15 to May 2. If a Girl Scout has not contacted you for your order, it is not too late. Call the Cookie Sale Manager Dorothy Kochan, at 773-9212, who will help facilitate your order.



THE LONG LIGHT: VOICES OF AGING to be presented at GCC on March 7th. Performances are at Noon and 7 P.M. Show in honor of the GCC Celebration of Aging and International Women's Day.

THE LONG LIGHT COMING TO GCC

BY M. ALLYN

On March 7th, the Boston Theatre Group will be bringing their new work *THE LONG LIGHT; VOICES OF AGING* to GCC. This performance will be sponsored in connection with both the GCC Celebration of Aging program and in honor of International Women's Day.

THE LONG LIGHT; VOICES OF AGING is based on original scenes and on the poetry of Margaret Atwood, Denise Levertov, Theodore Roethke, Yeats, Dickinson, and Whitman, among others. A solo flute score accompanies this piece, which is performed by three women. The Margaret Atwood series "Five Poems for Grandmothers," provides a common thread to which the three performers return again and again, calling up the image of mothers and grandmothers changing and

yet remaining the same through time. Images recur from poem to poem and from scene to scene, until a rich tapestry develops through language, movement and music.

This performance is being co-sponsored by the GCC Foundation and the GCC Division of Humanities. Two showings will be offered on March 7th. The daytime performance will be at Noon, the evening show will be performed at 7 P.M. Both shows will be held in room S01.

THE LONG LIGHT was created, in part, as a response to a need for compelling images of aging in the culture. Aging concerns us all. Some of us may be more intimate with the process than others, but for all of us growing olders is a common experience. As a culture we are in search of ways to understand aging. The Boston Theatre Group seeks to provide images which add substance and verve to that search.

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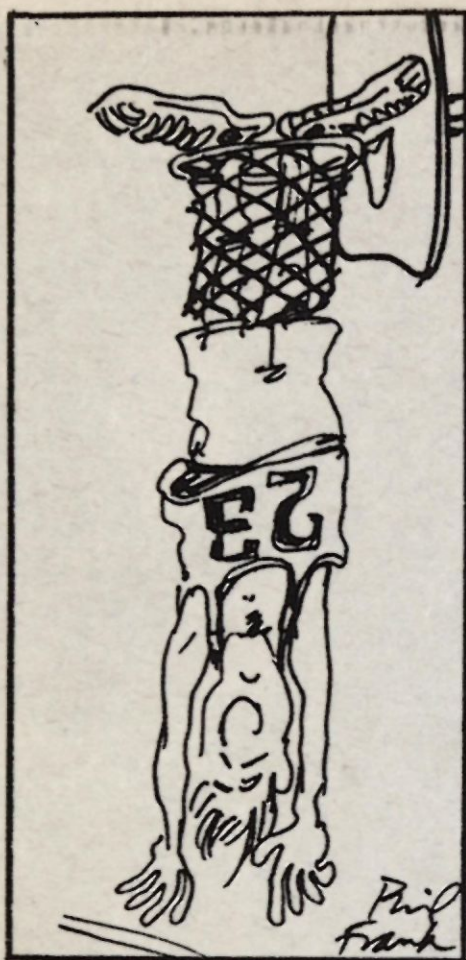
incurred. We also have to determine how much of the plant is used and useful in providing energy to the customers ... We don't want to get into a situation again where a utility company continues to build a power plant that gets more and more expensive. So that after the fact they say 'if we had to do it again we wouldn't build it this way but since we've gone along the whole way, we have to finish it.' "

Senate Elections

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with the Senate of the Board of Trustees, the first step is to meet with Merryl Sackin. Nomination papers are due by Wednesday, Feb. 26.

As stated before, the elections are March 4th and 5th. The current Senate consists of Jim McNamara, President; Mel Columbia, Acting Vice President; Ron Lenois, Treasurer; Adelaide Ama Harrison, Representative; and Walter Lesure, Representative. Any of these students and Merryl Sackin are open to any questions or discussion concerning the elections. As the students are looking for representation, so is the Senate looking for support. Whether one wants to run for office or not, the opportunity to vote is vested in the student.



International Womans Day Set For March 8th

BY M. ALLYN

For 76 years women have rallied and marched on International Women's Day under a variety of banners and on different dates. Celebrated now on March 8, International Women's Day marks the day in 1857 that women from the garment and textile industry in New York staged a demonstration protesting low wages, the 12 hour workday, and increasing workloads. They called for improved working conditions and equal pay for all working women. Their march was dispersed by the police, some of were trampled in the confusion. Three years later, in March 1860, these women formed their own union and called again for these demands to be met. On March 8, 1908, thousands of women from the needle trades industry demonstrated for the same demands, and additional demands that included legislation against child labor and women's suffrage.

In 1910, the German labor leader CLARA ZETKIN proposed that March 8 be proclaimed International Women's Day in memory of those earlier struggles of women for better lives. Over the next 60 years, March 8 was mostly celebrated in the european countries. By 1967, the day began to be celebrated by some groups in the United States. Owing to the growing feminist movement, events were planned to celebrate the day in most of the major cities of the U.S.

Since 1970, it has become a widely celebrated day for most women's organizations and groups. Rallies, forums, panels, conferences, demonstrations, radio programs,

media shows, and school programs will all be part of the 1986 celebration of women's rights and their contributions to the history and culture of the world.

Most of the local celebrations will be held on the campus of UMASS. The following is a listing of some of the main activities that women and men may attend or participate in.

Of particular importance is the performance to be held at GCC of the Boston Theater Group. The showing of the work THE LONG LIGHT on March 7th at noon and at 8 PM will be held in S01.

ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY:

March 3rd: Sarah Weddington to speak on "International Women's Networking", 8PM, S.U. Ballroom.

March 3rd: Margaret Randall to read poetry on "Central American Womens Struggles", 8PM, SU Art Gallery

March 4th: Sharon Weizenbaum to speak on "Women's Health: A Traditional Chinese Medicine Perspective". Ms Weizenbaum is an accupuncturist. 7PM, Campus Center, Rm 904

March 4th, 5th & 6th: Int'l Women's Film Festival. 7PM for Tuesday and Wednesday. 7:30PM for Thursday. Call 545-0342 for a listing of the films to be shown. Campus Center Rm 162.

March 6th: The play GOLD BRACELETS at the Hammond Theatre. 8pm, \$2 general public, \$1 for students. call 545-2416 for information.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By J. Palmer

Women's Basketball

The GCC Women's Basketball team has qualified for the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Tournament in their first year back after 2 years without a team. They will play in a playoff game on February 22nd against an opponent from the Eastern part of the State. With one game remaining on their regular season schedule their record is 12-12. Scoring has been a three-pronged attack for the women: Judy King, 13.6 points per game, Anne McMahon, 11.3 points per game, and Dale Berthiaume, 9.7 points per game. Dale has also tied the single season assist mark with 78 and will break that record with her first assist in the final game of the season. The starting 5 have all helped in the rebounding department: Judy King, 12.1 per game, Melissa Martindale, 7.8 per game, Janet Twyon, 5.8 per game, Anne McMahon, 5.5 per game, and Dale Berthiaume, 4.5 per game. Although the Women only had 5 players most of the season Cindy Mosca and Lisa Folk have joined the team recently to help cut down the stretch. Ray Ricard, Women's Coach, notes the same as Tim Kachelmeyer with the Men, that there is only one non-freshman on the team so the team could be building for the future.

Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, Men's Golf

Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, and Men's Golf will all be starting their respective practices in mid-March. Any students interested in becoming a member of these teams should contact John Palmer in Room NO1 as soon as possible.

The play will be performed on the 7th and 8th as well.

March 7th: The play THE LONG LIGHT: VOICES OF AGING, erformed by the Boston Theater Group. This work is a celebration of aging as well as a celebration of womanhood, Noon and 8PM, S01.

March 7th: Int'l Women's Day Pot Luck and Cultural Program with Dance at the Guiding Star Grange. 7PM. \$2-\$4 donations, no one turned away. Call 772-0501 for information.

March 8th: Jazz Concert with composer Toshiko Akiyoshi and her ba-d. 8PM, Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, \$9, \$11, \$13, 1/2 price for students. Call 545-2511.

March 9th: National March for Women's Lives, Washington D.C. Buses leaving from Amherst. \$30 for a roundtrip ticket. Call Nancy Arnold at 545-2661 or 1922 for information. This march is being sponsored by over 100 national women's organizations.

Men's Basketball

As of this writing the Men's Basketball has a record of 4-20 with 5 games remaining on the schedule. Coach Tim Kachelmeyer would have liked a few more wins at this point in the season, however, he notes that all the players on the team are freshmen except for one, and cites lack of experience as part of the reason for the record. Todd Rice and Paul Barnard are leading the team in scoring with game averages of 20.8 and 18.5 respectively. Steve Fecto has set two assist records this season; most assists in a season and most assists in a career. His 216 assist total at this point in the season shattered the old season record of 144 as well as the career total of 207. Rebounding chores have been shared by Paul Barnard with 6.9 per game, John Chapman with 7.8 per game, and John Greene with 6.8 per game. Other players on the team include Mitch Chmura, Mike Harrison, and Don Fraser.

Men's Volleyball

Coach Ray Ricard, splitting time for a couple of weeks between Women's Basketball and Men's Volleyball, is looking forward to the Men's Volleyball season. The team opened practice recently and will play their first match February 18th at Western New England College. Three players from last year's 9-5 first year team have returned and will help the team off to a good start. Ray stated that there isn't as much height as last year so he's not sure how the team will perform early in the season. There is still time to join the team; see John Palmer in NO1 for details.

Men's V-Ball Hot!

By J. McNamara

The newest and the hottest team on campus is the second year Men's Volleyball Team. Started as a brainstorm between Athletic Director, John Palmer, and the former Women's Volleyball Coach (now guiding the Lady Samoyeds Basketball Team) Ray Ricard, the team did exceptionally well for a first year team. Playing a schedule that consisted of mainly four year schools, the team compiled a record of 9-5. The team opened practice on Feb. 10th in preparation for their first game at Western New England College Feb. 18th. Returning players from last year's "leaping dogs" are Ron Miller, Andy Carrier and Jim McNamara. Coach Ricard states that there isn't as much height as last year so he's not sure how the team will perform early in the season. The team welcomes anyone who is interested in joining regardless of lack of playing experience or skill. Anyone interested in joining can contact John Palmer in NO1.



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